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GoTopless Day protesters gather at the Vancouver Art Gallery on Sunday to raise awareness about respecting a woman's right to bare her breasts in public. STEFANIA SECCIA/FOR METRO

Protesters fight for right to go topless

GoTopless. Women and men let it all hang out, drawing hundreds of curious onlookers

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Topless men and women marching for gender equality weren't just greeted by the sun on Sunday afternoon.

Hundreds of camera-snapping gawkers also clamoured to get a look.

Although the international GoTopless movement, tied to Women's Equality Day on Tuesday, has been going on for years in Vancouver, one protester was surprised when some onlookers climbed over each other to snap a picture.

"I'm definitely shocked to see so many cameras of mostly tourists," said Shae Fischer, 24, who marched from Denman and Robson Streets to the Vancouver Art Gallery. "But (the march is) not just in Vancouver. They're doing this all over the world."

Despite some unwanted attention, Fischer said, it's imperative there's a public protest to raise awareness about respecting a woman's right to go topless, which is legal in B.C.

Hailing from Nova Scotia, protester Danica MacLeod, 22, said when she moved to Vancouver in February she had no idea there was a day dedicated to going topless.

"This is the kind of movement that needs more voices and I'm glad to add to it," she added.

Denise Belisle, organizer of the Vancouver event, said she was satisfied with the turnout, which saw a similar number of protesters last year.

"I think the conversation is changing," Belisle noted after the protest. "This event is a step towards greater equality between men and women."

As for the hundreds of men and women incessantly snapping shots of the small topless crowd, Belisle said it's normal for people to react that way because they're not used to it.

"It just gives it more attention and makes people more aware," she added.

Cities across Australia, North America and Europe participated in GoTopless Day on Sunday.

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Surrey building

Morning blaze displaces 30-plus

An early-morning fire ripped through a Surrey apartment building on Sunday morning, leaving more than 30 residents stranded.

According to Battalion Chief Ed Wells, with the Surrey Fire Department, the fire broke out on an upper floor of 13550 Hilton Road at about 2 a.m. It quickly spread to the roof of the building, destroying it.

Emergency Social Services looking to place the displaced people in temporary housing.

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School to start soon

Teachers' union urges mediation

The head of the BC Teachers' Federation is urging the government to enter mediation with teachers in order to end an ongoing strike before the school year starts next week.

At the union's summer conference in Kamloops, Jim Iker said talks have not moved forward because the government has been unwilling to enter mediation with veteran mediator Vince Ready.

The Ministry of Education referred to a joint statement between public school employers and the BC Teachers' Federation.

The statement says mediation may begin when Ready believes it will be productive.

B.C.'s finance minister has said the province will give parents with young children $40 a day for child care if the strike extends into the school year.

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Omar Caliente stands outside his tent in Oppenheimer Park. Caliente is one of 200 people now living in the park. NICK WELLS/FOR METRO

'Tent City 2' not going anywhere: Organizers

From 15 to more than 100 tents. 'There's been no real action to get people into a home,' says movement organizer

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More than 200 people are now living in a tent camp in Oppenheimer Park, as they look to raise awareness about the lack of affordable housing on Vancouver's Downtown East Side.

The camp was started in late July, after some residents were kicked out of their single-room occupancy units.

Two First Nations organizers then joined the movement, saying since city council recognized the city was on unceded First Nations land, they couldn't kick out any campers if First Nations people gave them their blessing.

After a month and a half, the camp — which residents dubbed "Tent City 2" after the tent city that sprung up during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics — has swelled to more than 100 tents from the original 15.

Omar Caliente has a tent on the outskirts of the camp and has been living at the park off and on for its duration.

"People without appropriate housing (are) important," he said, while helping organize a handout of free sandwiches. "For such a rich country and a rich province, it's ridiculous we're still facing problems like this."

In an online survey released by Insights West on Aug. 21, only 31 per cent of people surveyed think the city does a good job when it comes to homelessness.

Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson made ending homelessness a central tenet of his campaign during the last election, promising to end street homelessness by 2015.

The number of people sleeping on the city's streets almost doubled from 2013 to 2014, according to a homeless count conducted in March.

Representatives from the city, B.C. Housing and the Parks Board meet up about twice a week with Oppenheimer representatives, but so far no solution has come forth.

"Every solution and suggestion on how to move forward has come from our side of the table," said Audrey Siegl, one of the organizers of the movement.

"There's been no real action to get people a home. It's beyond frustrating."

With no end in sight, Siegl says, people are committed to staying in the camp throughout the fall if no progress on finding housing has been made.

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California quake a timely reminder for B.C. residents: Expert

Be prepared. According to the City of Vancouver, there's a 1 in 4 chance a major earthquake will hit the region in the next 50 years

While there's no cause for alarm for Vancouverites following the devastating earthquake that rocked the northern Bay Area of California early Sunday, it's another reminder that it could happen here.

A magnitude-6 earthquake struck just before 3:30 a.m. on Sunday near Napa. It was the biggest quake to hit the region in the last 25 years.

It sent about 90 people to hospital, ignited fires and cast tens of thousands of people into darkness.

Brent Ward, SFU sciences professor, said there's no evidence to suggest this earthquake could trigger one in B.C., but it's an important reminder for people to plan for the big one due to hit the Lower Mainland in the future.

"It's always a good wake-up call for people to think, to realize we are in an active earthquake zone," he added.

Vancouver verges on the edge of two plates. The Juan de Fuca Plate moves toward and under the North American Plate, known as the Cascadia Subduction Zone. It could potentially bring a magnitude-9 earthquake from Vancouver Island to Vancouver and stretch down as far as Seattle or Oregon, according to Ward.

The California quake was a result of pressure building up along the San Andreas Fault, and that same stress is happening to the plates in B.C. Eventually, it's going to build up so much that the rocks will break and start an earthquake, Ward explained.

"It would be a very extensive, large-magnitude disaster," he said.

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Dressed to thrill

Anime Revolution, a three-day celebration of anime and Japanese culture at the Vancouver Convention Centre, wrapped up on Sunday. It featured performances, exhibits and costumes — everything from Sailor Moon to the Joker and Princess Bubblegum. Joseph Wenth, left, as Lightning from Final Fantasy XIII, and Jesse Knight, dressed as Star-Lord from Guardians of the Galaxy, were among the hundreds of cosplayers at the event. STEFANIA SECCIA/FOR METRO

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Bricks and rubble cover the sidewalk in front of a heavily damaged building following an earthquake Sunday in Napa Calif. Scan the photo with your Metro News app to see more photos of the damage caused by the 6.0-magnitude quake. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California earthquake rocks Napa wine region

6.0-magnitude event. More than 120 sent to hospital, power goes out, fires ignited

The San Francisco Bay Area's strongest earthquake in 25 years struck the heart of California's wine country early Sunday, igniting gas-fed fires, damaging some of the region's famed wineries and historic buildings, and sending dozens of people to hospitals.

The magnitude-6.0 quake, centred near the city of Napa, an oasis of Victorian-era buildings nestled in the vineyard-studded hills of northern California, ruptured water mains and gas lines, hampering firefighters' efforts to extinguish the blazes that broke out after the temblor struck at 3:20 a.m.

Dazed residents who had run out of their homes in the dark and were too fearful of aftershocks to go back to bed wandered through Napa's historic downtown, where boulder-sized chunks of rubble and broken glass littered the streets. Dozens of homes and buildings across the Napa Valley were left unsafe to occupy, including an old county courthouse, where a three-metre-wide hole opened a view of the offices inside.

College student Eduardo Rivera said the home he shares with six relatives shook so violently that he kept getting knocked back into his bed as he tried to flee.

"When I woke up, my mom was screaming, and the sound from the earthquake was greater than my mom's screams," the 20-year-old Rivera said.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency for southern Napa County, directing state agencies to respond with equipment and personnel. President Barack Obama was briefed on the earthquake, the White House said, and federal officials were in touch with state and local emergency responders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tropical storm Cristobal's pelting rains lash Bahamas

Slow-moving tropical storm Cristobal lashed parts of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands with heavy rainfall and white-crested surf, after swollen rivers swept away at least three people on Hispaniola, the Caribbean island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

In the Dominican Republic, a man drowned when he tried to drive his pickup truck across a rushing river in Hato Mayor, a province northeast of the capital of Santo Domingo. Juan Manuel Mendez, the country's emergency operations director, said the death was due to the "regrettable recklessness of this driver."

In neighbouring Haiti, authorities were looking for two residents reported swept away late Saturday by a river that burst its banks in the western port town of Saint Marc.

"We're still looking for the bodies," said Luckecy Mathieu, a local civil protection co-ordinator.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Cristobal may strengthen into a hurricane on Wednesday while over the open waters of the Atlantic. The storm's centre was expected to curve away from the U.S. East Coast.

Many residents in the sparsely populated southeastern Bahamas and the tiny British Caribbean dependency of the Turks and Caicos Islands hunkered down as Cristobal's rains pelted windowpanes.

Capt. Stephen Russell, head of the Bahamas' emergency management agency, said there had been no reports of damage by late Sunday morning. Air traffic to the southeastern Bahamian islands had not been suspended, but sea vessels were advised to remain in port, he said.

By Sunday afternoon, Turks and Caicos Premier Rufus Ewing advised residents to remain indoors as much as possible since the island chain south of the Bahamas was still experiencing heavy rains and "extensive flooding in low-lying areas," especially on Middle Caicos and North Caicos islands.

"The inclement weather is expected to linger for another 48 hours and the flooding is expected to worsen as a result," Ewing said in a statement.

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Cristobal

A tropical storm warning was in effect for the Turks and Caicos Islands and for the southeast and central Bahamas, with forecasters saying it could bring up to 20 centimetres of rain to the islands through Tuesday.

- Before strengthening into a storm, it had downed several trees and power lines on Puerto Rico, leaving more than 23,500 people without power and 8,720 without water. There were a handful of reported landslides.

Bardarbunga volcano

Iceland lowers aviation alert to 'orange'

Iceland lowered its aviation alert level to orange from red Sunday, saying there was no sign of an imminent eruption at the Bardarbunga volcano. And scientists at the Icelandic Meteorological Office said their announcement Saturday that the volcano had experienced a subglacial eruption was wrong.

But the office cautioned in a statement that seismic activity at the volcano, which has been hit by thousands of earthquakes over the past week, was not slowing, and an eruption remained a possibility in coming days. Two earthquakes measuring over 5 in magnitude — the biggest yet — shook the volcano beneath Iceland's vast Vatnajokull glacier early Sunday. The Met Office recorded earthquakes of 5.3 and 5.1 in the early hours.

Iceland had raised the alert for aviation Saturday to red, the highest level on a five-point scale, warning that an ash-emitting eruption could be imminent.

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Missouri shooting

Obama sending aides to Michael Brown funeral

U.S. President Barack Obama is sending three White House aides to the funeral of Michael Brown, the black teen whose fatal shooting by a white police officer sparked racial unrest in Ferguson, Mo.

Early Sunday, tensions briefly flared then subsided as nightly protests continued two weeks after the 18-year-old's death.

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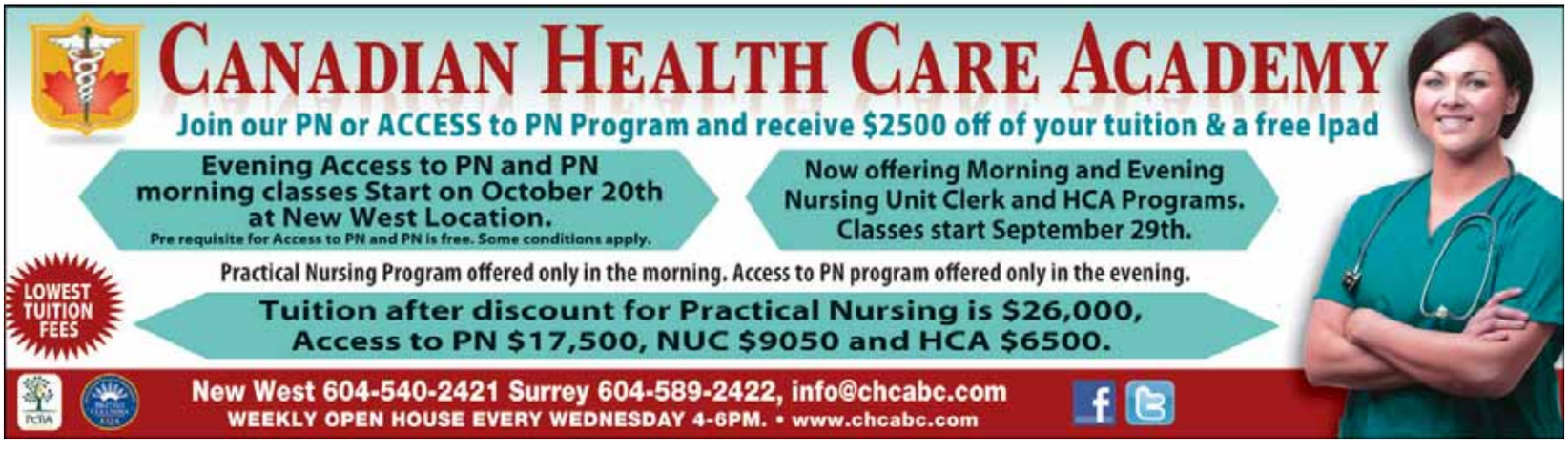
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American released by Syrian militants

Peter Theo Curtis THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An American held hostage in Syria by an al-Qaida-linked group has been released after about two years, the Obama administration and a relative confirmed Sunday, days after militants had beheaded a U.S. journalist abducted while covering that country's civil war.

The U.S. identified the freed American as Peter Theo Curtis of Massachusetts and said he was now safe and outside of Syria. The United Nations said it helped with the handover to UN peacekeepers in a village in the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights and that Curtis was released to American authorities after a medical checkup.

The administration provided no details about the circumstances of his abduction or his release. It was not known what prompted Curtis's release.

A cousin of Curtis's, Viva Hardigg, declined to provide details, but said that he had been held by the Nusra Front, which is al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria.

"He seems to be in good health," Hardigg said. "We are deeply relieved and grateful for his return and the many people who have helped us secure his freedom." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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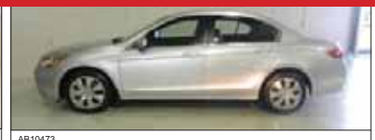
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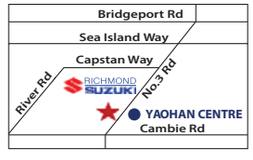

Iraqis stand together in honour

People hold a photograph of U.S. freelance journalist James Foley during a Sunday. Foley was slain by Islamic State militants after being held in captivity

Hundreds at for murdered

'Devoted'. Hometown memorial remembers James Foley as a man who was driven to open world's eyes to suffering and oppression

Slain U.S. journalist James Foley was living his faith by bringing images to the world of people suffering from war and oppressive regimes, a Roman Catholic bishop said Sunday at a mass in his honour.

Bishop Peter Libasci said even after Foley was captured for the first time in Libya in 2011, he "went back again that we might open our eyes."

The mass was attended by Foley's parents, John and Diane Foley, and hundreds of others in their hometown of Rochester, N.H. The bishop read aloud a letter from the Vatican extending the condolences of Pope Francis.

Foley was kidnapped in 2012 while covering the Syrian uprising. The Islamic State posted a web video Tuesday showing his killing, claiming it was in retaliation for U.S. airstrikes in Iraq.

Libasci invoked the prayer of St. Francis, which begins, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace," to implore the gathered not to hate but to heal.

"It is in giving that we receive," he recited. "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. To these words, I think we can say, 'Yes, I wish we could do that.' It is not beyond our capability. It is not impossible. Our Lord lived it. Our most Blessed Mother lived it. Many saints have lived it. James lived it."

At a vigil Saturday night in Rochester, about 200 people gathered to show support for the Foley family.

"We are honoured that you care and love Jim. We are

of slain journalist James Foley

small memorial ceremony in Irbil, 350 kilometres north of Baghdad, Iraq, on for nearly two years. MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

vigil and mass U.S. journalist

Quoted

"Jim went back again that we might open our eyes. That we might indeed know how precious is this gift. May almighty God grant peace to James and to all our fragile world."

Bishop Peter Libasci, about slain U.S. journalist James Foley

honoured that you recognized the sacrifices he made," John Foley said then. "He loved the Syrian people. He was devoted to telling their story and doing whatever he could to help their fight."

Speakers praised Foley's determination to report on the Syrian people uprooted by conflict.

"Tonight we want to honour freedom and love: The freedom that James so vehemently believed that all people deserved," said Nadia Alawa, founder of NuDay Syria, a Massachusetts-based organization working to ease the pain and loss in Syria. "To James Foley, denying others freedom and a basic voice of feelings and free space was not OK."

The world's largest bloc of Islamic nations also denounced Foley's "heinous" killing and reiterated its support for international efforts to confront the Islamic State.

Iyad Madani, chief of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, said in a statement Saturday that the actions of the Islamic State have nothing to do with the values of Islam or his organization's founding principles of tolerance and co-existence.

A funeral for Foley will be held on Oct. 18, what would have been his 41st birthday.

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Steven Sotloff

Canadian denies inadvertent role in Syria kidnapping

A Montreal photographer is speaking out after a U.S. news website accused him of inadvertently playing a role in the capture of American journalist Steven Sotloff in Syria last year.

Yves Choquette says he's the freelance photographer anonymously referred to as "Alex" in a controversial report published Friday on The Daily Beast. The report alleges the photographer identified his local Syrian guide to suspected militant Syrians on Facebook.

It says that may have compromised the safety of the American journalist, who worked with the same fixer days later. Choquette denies the allegations, which he says distort the events of August 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aging planes

Challengers kept in the air by Tories to shuttle VIPs

The Harper government's plan to decommission four of its six C-144 Challengers was sidelined and revisited last year because the executive jets were getting more VIP and military use than expected.

Former defence minister Peter MacKay, in early 2013, ordered that the majority of the aircraft, long cast as a symbol of Liberal excess by the Conservatives, be retired within the year.

But newly released memos, written last fall, show the plan was scaled back to the deactivation of just two planes. The Challengers are tasked with shuttling around the prime minister, the governor general and cabinet ministers.

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The ups and downs of the biz in August

HOW TO ROLL
Alison Griffiths
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Who is swinging and who is sagging in the business world? Here's the roundup for August.

Thumbs up:
BlackBerry gets the nod. If CEO John Chen has his way, weary BlackBerry shareholders will no longer care about whether this new gadget or that will take market share from Apple, Google or Samsung.

Chen is shooing the company away from a reliance on the Next Big Thing. While other tech producers race to turn us into cyborgs, Chen is mining the power of the patents the company holds.

The stock jumped 1.5 per cent last week to $10.77. British Prime Minister David Cameron helped out when he said he could run the country via BlackBerry before heading off for his second holiday this summer.

Thumbs up:
This one goes to the Nasdaq. Well, kinda, sorta. As of last week the U.S.-based tech-heavy exchange is back to where it was before the dot-com crash. On Monday, Aug. 18, the Composite Index climbed above 4,500 points for the first time since March 31, 2000. It's only been 14 years of waiting, folks. What are you crying about?

Thumbs down:
The winner is Statistics Canada for its blunder on the July jobs figure — first reporting a measly 200 new jobs then sheepishly updating it to 42,000. Phew, that's better.

As Philip Cross, former chief economic analyst at StatsCan, noted in a commentary: "It is one thing to make an error in the estimate of livestock," quite another to botch any of the holy trinity — GDP, the consumer price index and the jobs report.

Eliminating the long-form census and slashing $29 million from StatsCan's budget didn't have a thing to do with the mistake.

No, of course it didn't. The federal government says so, and who am I to disagree?

Thumbs down:
Oh, Target! How we loved to love you when we shopped south of 49 and how much we loathe you in our own backyard. If the sparsely filled aisles of my local Target are anything to go by, the company still hasn't figured out its supply chain problems.

New CEO Brian Cornell (formerly of PepsiCo) will no doubt have the Canadian operations under a microscope.

Not there yet

Four tech stocks still below March 2000 highs:

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- Cisco Systems: -64%
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Sriracha factory

'We don't make tear gas': CEO

A Southern California factory that makes Sriracha hot sauce held an open house over the weekend "to prove we make hot sauce; we don't make tear gas," said David Tran, the CEO of the plant's owner, Huy Fong Foods.

Irwindale, a Los Angeles suburb of about 1,500 people, had sued the company and declared the plant a public nuisance after some nearby residents complained of an eye-watering, throat-closing odour during grinding season.

In May, an agreement was forged between the city and Tran. The city dropped its lawsuit.

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REDONKULOUS PRICES AT BC FERRIES

URBAN COMPASS

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Not long ago, I decided to drive from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo, a distance of 61 kilometres.

Doesn't sound like much, but as most of that distance is across the Strait of Georgia, it meant getting BC Ferries involved.

Because it's the busy tourist season, I decided I needed a reservation, so that came to $92 for me, my reservation and my car.

And that's one way. To go 61 kilometres.

This is, as my daughter would say, redonkulous.

Even more redonkulous is that it's about to get even more expensive. BC Ferries plans to jack up fares another four per cent this year and next.

BC Ferries doesn't seem to be the slightest bit concerned that it costs $92 for a trip that would take half an hour on a road. In fact, it's crowing about making a $13.9-million profit for the first quarter of 2014, and hopes to increase those profits even more in the coming quarters.

Anyone who thinks this will lead to fare reductions is deluded. Ferries boss Mike Corrigan tells the media he needs to invest in important stuff like terminals and assets, and that "customers" have to pay their, um, fare share.

The B.C. government is no help, choosing to promote the fiction that BC Ferries is some kind of private corporation that needs to charge $92 to get from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo to be "affordable, efficient and sustainable."

I would respectfully argue that there's nothing affordable about $92 to Nanaimo unless you're a government bureaucrat who can charge it to the taxpayer. OK, so maybe that's not respectful.

There's nothing efficient about a ferry system that needs to charge $200 for a 120-kilometre round trip. That's $1.67 per kilometre.

And there's nothing sustainable about it. The cost keeps going up and the number of sailings and routes keeps going down. How is that sustainable?

I could go on. In fact, I will. It's not as if travel to Vancouver Island is optional. It's not Pender Island. The capital city of British Columbia is on Vancouver Island.

And no rant about BC Ferries would be complete without a sub-rant about the crazy salaries they pay these guys to run the ferry service onto the rocks. Even if you discount former CEO Dave Hahn's legendary million-dollar salary as a singular incidence of wretched excess, there are more than 450 managers making an average of $200,000 a year.

Ironically, the only people who can afford to ride BC Ferries get to ride for free.

Conspicuously absent from the government's "affordable," etc. formula is "perspective," which is not surprising as anyone who thinks $92 from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo is a fair fare, doesn't have one.

It's time for a little perspective. A ferry is a boat meant to transport vehicles and passengers as affordably, efficiently and sustainably as possible.

It is not a gravy train.

We're all part of the same Multiverse

Matt Mazur, who moonlights as a live visual artist under the moniker VJ Elfmaster, has been touring his Multiverse project around the music and festival circuit in British Columbia. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

VJ Elfmaster hopes to take message of galactic unity way beyond Earth's EDM scene

A Vancouver man with a laptop, a cache of space telescope images and a passion for space is mapping our corner of the universe, in a quest to do for the galaxy what images of the Earth did for global consciousness in 1969.

Matt Mazur, a.k.a. VJ Elfmaster, has built a universe simulator that projects a 3D rendering of the Earth's galactic neighbourhood on to two massive white screens, giving any user the power to scroll far beyond our own solar system with a hand-controlled motion sensor device.

Time to get spacey

"It's time for us to grow up, and grow up past our adolescent years on the Earth."

Artist Matt Mazur

"Galactic consciousness still might take a while before it actually kicks in, but it's a process," said Mazur.

Mazur has digitally stitched together and enhanced 64 galaxies and is cataloguing 50 more, as he charts the brightest galaxies in the region.

He hopes to eventually render 250 galaxies, amounting to 1/38-millionth of the observable universe.

The project is dubbed Multiverse. Mazur provides the vicarious exploration of the universe with the hope that a critical mass of such projects will spur society to adopt space as a plausible future home amid a galactic community.

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Worth mentioning. Californians swap out thirsty grass lawns for gardens to cope with drought

As California faces a historic drought, residents in Long Beach are tearing out thirsty lawns to cut down on water use.

Water agencies across the state have been encouraging the change by offering thousands of dollars in rebates to help homeowners make the switch to a drought-friendly landscape with better odds of surviving dry spells common to the local climate.

Water officials hope the shift is more than a fad and marks the beginning of a transformation in the way residents view neighbourhood landscapes.

Rick Blankenship holds a photo of his previous grass lawn at his home in Long Beach, Calif. NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

To date, most lawns in Southern California don't bear greenery other than grass, but water agency officials say the interest in turf removal programs — fuelled in part by an increase in rebate rates — is encouraging.

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Spielberg series

Minority Report headed to TV

Steven Spielberg is working on a TV series based on his 2020 sci-fi action move, Minority Report. According to Warp, he has hired Godzilla screenwriter Max Borenstein to write the futuristic series, in which crimes can be predicted and prevented before they happen. Spielberg is reportedly seeking a major Hollywood actor to star in the show. AFP

Brosnan leaves 007 behind for a much grittier spy role

The November Man. As a rogue ex-CIA man, new character is more dangerous and driven — and requires no CGI special effects

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Pierce Brosnan's film, The November Man, is a pure action movie, with real explosions and effects. CONTRIBUTED

Speaking about his new action thriller The November Man, Pierce Brosnan is eager to talk about the challenges of playing a different kind of spy.

He's not only the star, he's also executive producer of the film, and he was determined to make sure his work as rogue ex-CIA man Peter Deveraux was grittier, grimier and very different from his past outings in the cloak-and-dagger field.

You've been doing comedies lately, including Love Punch and A Long Way Down, so what brought you back to action?
It just seemed like fertile ground — if not now, when?

I had my days as James Bond, and they were glorious and wonderful and productive. We brought (Bond) back after six dormant years ... so it was invigorating to be a part of it.

Then, when the curtain fell — surprisingly and unexpectedly, while I was looking the other way — it was just over. And I had a certain void, a vacuum.

So when we set sail in developing The November Man, it just seemed to hit now with the geopolitical happenings going on.

We talk about your earlier work in the espionage genre, but I don't recall Mr. Bond, like Deveraux does in this film, mortally wounding an innocent girl so he can delay his enemies and better make his getaway. Was that scene important, to establish Deveraux as that dangerous, that driven?
It's a shocking act, on paper and on screen; it's one that, really, you roll the dice on and hope you don't disconnect with your audience.

By that stage, you already know anything can happen — and it does in the most graphic way. I love that scene; I think it defines the character, that keeps the audience off-centre.

In an age of computer-generated marvels, is it nice to take part in an action film about real car chases, real explosions, real effects?
Well, it worked for us ... It worked for this film. We had so much money, we had so many days — so we knew we weren't going to have this monolithic graphic overture of CGI or anything like that; it's a handmade, hand-wrought film, and everything's in camera.

And that was the pleasure of it — to be in the streets, to shoot from the hip, to make a movie that was tangible and real and to be blowing stuff up in the streets. It was magnificent (laughs). It was great fun.

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‘Trouble in paradise’ between Mariah and Nick (but his lips are now sealed)

Nick Cannon confirmed late last week that there’s trouble in his marriage to Mariah Carey and that the two have been living apart. But that might be the last we hear from him on the subject.

“There is trouble in paradise, we have been living in separate houses for a few months. My main focus is my kids,” he told The Insider.

Carey’s rep said, “Mariah is focusing on her children and her upcoming tour.”

And on keeping Cannon’s mouth shut, apparently.

According to TMZ, their lawyers worked out a confidentiality agreement about their divorce proceedings, barring Cannon from discussing it further and giving Carey exclusive rights to announce any details.

I guess we know whose lawyer wears the pants in this relationship.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Pop goes the week

Gwyneth gets gleeful while her ex dates a real sweetie

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Chris Martin is reportedly dating Jennifer Lawrence while his ex, Gwyneth Paltrow, is seeing Glee co-creator Brad Falchuk. Chris was apparently drawn to Jennifer because she’s so laid-back and relaxed, and Gwyneth likes Brad because he’s someone to date while Chris is dating America’s bleeping sweetheart.

Andrew Keegan of 10 Things I Hate About You has started his own religion called Full Circle. One of the things people totally hate about you is when you start cults that sound like failed sitcoms.

Walking Dead creator Robert Kirkman says there’s a good chance our favourite crossbow wielder, Daryl Dixon, could be gay. That’s at least two weeks to readjust my fan fiction. As if I didn’t have enough to do with Simon Cowell predicting a One Direction break-up soon.

This week in Back Together: 1) Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber are seen at a bible study group. 2) Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart are seen driving in her car. 3) Drake and Rihanna are seen exiting a club together.

Suge Knight

Shots fired at Chris Brown during VMA pre-party hit rap mogul and others

Rap mogul Suge Knight was hospitalized after violence erupted at a VMAs pre-party early Sunday, with shots fired at R&B star Chris Brown but hitting Knight and two others — one of whom is in critical condition, according to TMZ.

Multiple shots were fired at about 1:30 a.m. at the Hollywood nightclub 1OAK, with several sources claiming Brown was the target. The VIP bash included Justin Bieber and Tyson Beckford.

Knight was rushed to nearby Cedars-Sinai, and is expected to recover.

Brown tweeted his feelings after the incident: “It’s disappointing that we as a society can’t have fun or enjoy ourselves without any altercations sometimes. Miss me with the bulls—!”

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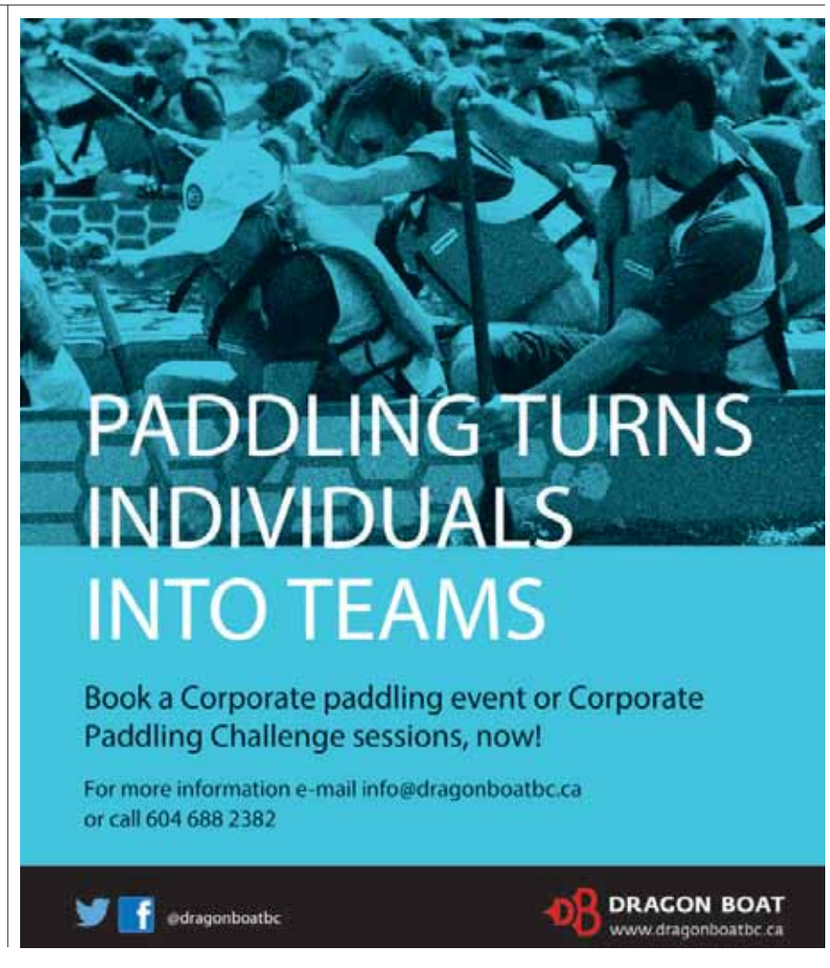
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I started the new year with an important purchase. I always said when I left television I'd get a puppy. Tabitha is a spicy Heinz 57. A wee thing — when I got her she weighed about 1.5 lb. — she'll be about 10 lb. when she's all done growing.

Puppies don't come cheap. Between the vaccinations, the spaying, the bed, cage, food, and puppy pads, Tabi's first few months have run to over $1,000. Not a small commitment. And those early vet bills make you really think about how much more your furry child might cost over a lifetime.

Canadians spend about $4 billion on their pets every year. Yes, $4 billion! While some of that money goes to needs like food, some is just plain indulgence. (Do you think your dog really knows what you paid for that cute little jacket?) One area where costs have been growing consistently is medical care. Pet insurance would seem like a no-brainer, right?

So I looked into it. (Hey, if I can offset my costs with insurance, I'll do it. I'm no dummy.) The problem with pet insurance is in the petite-print. On top of deductibles and co-pays, unreimbursed costs, and exclusions — all of which you pay out-of-pocket — you also pay premiums. Seemingly small $11 to $50 per-month premiums can add up to $2,000 to $6,000 or more over a pet's lifetime.

When I typed Tabitha's specifics into the CAA pet insurance plan, I got quotes of $0.45, $1.33 and $1.60 per day for their Compact, Intermediate and Luxury plans. I hate daily quotes, so I immediately converted them to annual costs: $164.25, $485.45 and $584 per year respectively. Compact only covers accidents (not illness) and to a max of $2,000. Intermediate covers everything to a maximum of $2,500 a year. Luxury's limit is $4,500 a year.

This is a pretty typical plan. Basic pet plans cover the costs of accidents (like being hit by a car) and some cover common illnesses like eye and ear infections. Top-of-the-line coverage may cover routine preventive care (such as vaccinations and neuters/spays) and even alternative therapies like acupuncture and hydrotherapy. Some even cover the costs of cremation or burial of a pet, and include extra coverage upon accidental death. Know what you're buying and figure out if it's worth the cost over the long haul, or if you would be better off just sticking the premiums in the bank as a pet emergency fund.

So far most Canadian pet owners choose to self-insure by setting up a pet savings account and accumulating money each month. It's been estimated that only about two per cent of Canadians have pet insurance. With fingers crossed, they hope that they'll have enough saved up if and when the time comes to deal with a medical issue. I'm one of them. Rather than laying out $500 to $600 a year in premiums only to find a rejected claim or a uncovered expense has me dipping into my wallet, I'll happily budget for Tabitha's medical costs over time.

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7 things to ask as you look at pet insurance options

1. **Enrolment period.** Some plans cover critters from eight weeks old to death; others cut off coverage at eight years or so, just when you're most likely to need coverage.
2. **Wait period.** There are often wait periods of up to 21 days from the time you fill out the application until the plan goes into effect. Some plans also require a vet checkup before the plan is activated.
3. **Benefit limit.** What's the maximum the plan will pay out each year or over the life of the plan?
4. **Deductible.** How much you must pay from your own pocket for each claim? Some plans let you choose a deductible while other plans increase the deductible as your pet ages.
5. **Coverage for pre-existing conditions.** Some plans will cover if the condition has been completely cured; other plans consider genetic conditions to be pre-existing. For example, Doberman Pinschers tend to suffer from Wobbler Disease and cardiomyopathy, so those might not be covered for your Dobi. Hip dysplasia is often excluded. And there are breeds — like Chinese Shar-Peis — that aren't covered at all by some plans.
6. **Coverage for preventative care.** Does your plan take care of your vet visits? Does your plans require at least an annual vet visit to keep the plan in effect?
7. **Monthly cost.** Costs vary tremendously depending on the type of plan you sign up for, with monthly premiums running anywhere from $10 to $100.

Only about two per cent of Canadians have pet insurance. ISTOCK

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Use well-planned pluck to bring in the big bucks

Negotiate your way to better pay. Do your homework before you ask for that raise

DAN SCHAWBEL
Metro in New York

Here's a tip: Your boss is not going to put more money in your pocket automatically. You've got to ask for it. ISTOCK

There's a point in every career where an employee is going to have to negotiate either a job offer or a raise for the first time. Because most people aren't born negotiators, many workers end up making only a fraction of what they are worth.

While some people are afraid to negotiate their salary, it is actually a sign of professionalism — because it shows that you're serious, intelligent and value your expertise. Here are my top negotiation tips:

Do your due diligence

Sites like Salary.com and PayScale.com are great ways to find out the salary range of a particular position. Also remember to speak with your industry mentors to discover what amount you should expect and how much you might be able to increase it by. It's important to collect all of this information before entering the negotiation process. That way you're equipped to respond to any pushback.

Use data to justify the increase

If you want to earn more, you have to be able to prove the value of your contributions. If you're in sales, keep good records of all the deals you've closed and the amount of total revenue your work has generated. In marketing? Now is the perfect time to talk about the number of leads you've generated through your various campaigns and then how many of those leads were closed by the sales team. The key thing is to show your boss that it makes more sense for the company to pay you more than lose you to their competition in the future.

Always try to have multiple offers

Whether you're a job seeker or employee, you should aim to have several job offers so that you can use them as leverage. The more offers you have, the more negotiating power you have and the more insight you have into how much you are valued in the marketplace. If you get an offer, that doesn't mean you should stop interviewing. And if you're an employee, you should still be interviewing from time to time to ensure that you're earning what you are worth. Don't become complacent — a new opportunity could be waiting just around the corner.

What an enlightening experience: Office workers who sit near windows enjoy a better quality of life. ISTOCK

Take great panes. Another reason you should work to get into the corner office

What difference does a window make? A lot, it turns out.

Office dwellers who primarily work in spaces that have lots of natural light and windows sleep better, exercise more and have a better quality of life than those who work in environments that don't have access to direct sunlight. That's according to a new study out of Northwestern University, which found that employees who worked in offices with windows slept an average of 46 minutes more than those who were windowless.

"There is increasing evidence that exposure to light, during the day, particularly in the morning, is beneficial to your health via its effects on mood, alertness and metabolism," said senior researcher Dr. Phyllis Zee, a neurologist and sleep specialist, in a statement.

The researchers say there's a simple solution to the problem and suggest architects and building managers ensure that all workstations are placed at least 20 to 25 feet from the peripheral walls containing the windows. "Daylight from side windows almost vanishes after 20 to 25 feet from the windows," said study co-author Mohamed Boubekri.

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Lessons from the desert

Take it to the limit one more time. If everyone gives their all, the whole team has a winning chance. ISTOCK

Crossing the finish line together

The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson learned from my experience running deserts.

LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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As I prepare to run Antarctica 2014, I spend time cycling to mix things up and learn how cycling teams work together to get to the finish line. In a recent three-day race, Toronto's Michael Barry, a decorated cycling pro, led seven passionate amateurs against other teams.

On a big climb up Col de Soulor in the jagged Pyrenees, a famous ascent on the Tour de France, we were required to finish as a team. Our strategy was to have the lead rider constantly adjust their speed to push the weakest rider to climb quickest without breaking.

As the weak one, I was asked not to speak to conserve energy, instead constantly tell the team how expended I was on a scale of one to 10. The pro said: "Eight is your target. At eight you can't talk, but you can say 'eight.' Closer to the top we will ask you to give us your 10." Anything under seven meant a pace increase, and nine or more meant a decrease. Coincidentally, while running the Sahara Race as a team, we had employed the same tactic.

We've all had to work in teams where we must collaborate with individuals who are not of equal strength. As it's out of our control, all team members can hope for is that everyone gives their best, regardless of skill. Then, teams can be high-performing without becoming dysfunctional. On the climbs, honestly numbering the effort depersonalized the experience of feeling weaker while helping my teammates know I pushed to my limit. Although I felt completely depleted as we fought gravity climbing to the finish line, I didn't have to devalue myself by sharing the obvious: I was tired, and under-experienced. Instead, it was just plain clinical: A challenge for the team to adjust to knowing that over the course of three days, everyone would ultimately get pushed to their limits to benefit the team.

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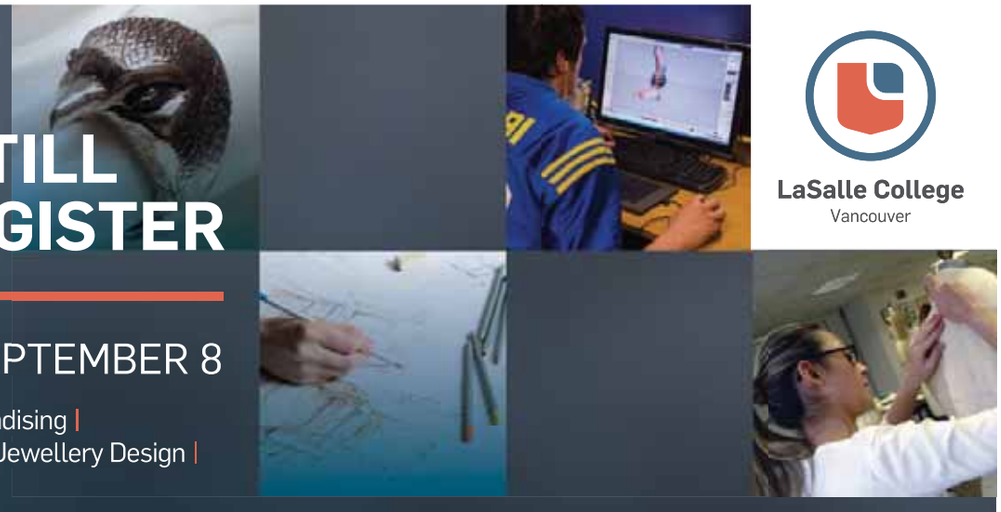
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Good things come to those who wait

Pulled Pork with Apple Cider Barbecue Sauce. Braising the meat takes a while, but it is so worth it

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With a little time and a little patience, this restaurant favourite can be made at home.

Pulled pork is a drool-worthy and inexpensive meal that uses a Boston butt or pork shoulder. It's a tougher cut of meat, but braising it breaks the tendons down so the meat melts in your mouth, and literally can be "pulled" apart — thus its name! It does take a few hours to braise until it's tender, but you can do this a couple of days in advance and use the meat for main entrées or sandwiches. It's well worth the time. Mixing the meat with a homemade barbecue sauce is the key.

This recipe serves six. ROSE REISMAN

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 300 F.

2. Rub the roast with Cajun seasoning. In a large skillet or grill pan, sear the pork on all sides just until browned.

3. Basting sauce: Combine the cider vinegar and brown sugar and pour 1 cup in the bottom of a large roasting pan. Add the pork and roast, covered tightly, until 190 F temperature is reached (approximately 3 to 4 hours). Baste with the mixture of cider vinegar and brown sugar every hour.

4. Barbecue sauce: Combine ketchup, sugars, salt and pepper, onion powder, mustard, lemon juice, Worcestershire, cider vinegar, corn syrup and molasses until smooth.

5. Caramelized onions: In a large skillet, add the oil and sauté the sliced onions with brown sugar on low heat for 15 minutes or until tender.

6. When the pork is cooked, toss the basting sauce and pull pork apart with two forks, removing all visible fat and the skin. Add just enough of the barbecue sauce to wet all the meat. Save remaining sauce for serving alongside. Serve with the caramelized onions or veggie toppings of your choice either on sandwich loaves or on its own. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 3 lb pork shoulder
- 1 tbsp Cajun or Southwestern seasoning

Basting Sauce

- 2 cups cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Barbecue sauce

- 1 cup ketchup or chili sauce
- 2 tbsp packed light brown sugar
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 3/4 tsp onion powder
- 3/4 tsp dry mustard
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 tbsp light corn syrup
- 1 tbsp molasses

Caramelized Onions

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 large sweet onion sliced thinly
- 2 tsp brown sugar

To Assemble

- 6 sandwich loaves
- Lettuce and tomatoes

Nutritional information

Per serving (excluding bread)

- **Calories.** 452
- **Carbohydrates.** 39 g
- **Fibre.** 0.5 g
- **Protein.** 52 g
- **Total fat.** 7 g
- **Saturated fat.** 3 g
- **Cholesterol.** 136 mg
- **Sodium.** 529 mg

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PGA

Mahan's win at The Barclays ends lengthy drought

Hunter Mahan pulled away with three straight birdies to win The Barclays on Sunday, ending an 0-for-46 drought on the PGA Tour.

The victory could not have come at a better time.

Mahan now is assured of making the Tour Championship every year since the first FedEx Cup in 2007, the only player in all playoff events. He's also made an impression on Tom Watson as a captain's pick for the Ryder Cup team.

Mahan closed with a 6-under 65. He made a 10-foot birdie on the 15th hole for the lead, hit his approach to three feet on the 16th and sealed the win with a 20-foot birdie on the 17th.

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LPGA

Ryu wraps CP Women's Open with a 23 under

So Yeon Ryu held off a back-nine charge from fellow South Korean Na-yeon Choi to win the $2.25-million US Canadian Pacific Women's Open.

Ryu finished with a 23-under par 265, breaking the tournament record of 18 under but not threatening Annika Sorenstam's LPGA Tour record of 27 under.

So Yeon Ryu
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"One I think I'm disappointed (about) is I couldn't reach Annika's low record," Ryu said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baseball

South Korea wins its third LLWS title

Jae Yeong Hwang drove in two runs and Hae Chan Choi weathered a late Chicago rally to lead South Korea to an 8-4 win in Sunday's Little League World Series championship game.

The championship is South Korea's third.

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Skulsky's guarantee a dud

Marco Iannuzzi, left, of the Lions stretches but fails to make the catch against the Roughriders' Tristan Jackson at BC Place Stadium on Sunday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL. Lions fail to back up president's promise as Riders leave town with comeback win

On Sunday

Roughriders	Lions
20	16

Two unheralded Saskatchewan players spoiled the B.C. Lions' guaranteed win night Sunday.

Backup quarterback Tino Sunseri's first CFL career touchdown pass to reserve offensive lineman-turned-tight-end Dan Clark sparked the Saskatchewan Roughriders to a comeback 20-16 victory over the Lions.

"For me to get the first one, it was really special," said Sunseri. "And, you have to give a lot of credit to the offensive line and Dan Clark for getting open on the certain play and blocking and all that. It was pretty exciting."

As a result, the 33,196 fans who attended Sunday's game will receive a free ticket to a future game courtesy of B.C. president Dennis Skulsky, who promised a Lions victory to the biggest crowd of the season at BC Place Stadium, which included many Riders supporters.

The Riders (6-2) posted their fifth straight win and are now tied for second place with Winnipeg in the ultra-competitive West Division. The Lions (5-4) fell to third place.

The Riders triumphed after they were forced to play the second half with rarely used backup Sunseri, a 25-year-old Pittsburgh native who is in his second season with the Riders, at the helm. After playing the entire first half, starter Darian Durant was sidelined with a hand injury that, he said afterwards, will be further evaluated upon the team's return to Regina.

B.C. also lost its starting quarterback during the game. Kevin Glenn left the game with an undisclosed injury in the fourth quarter and was replaced by Travis Lulay.

Glenn completed 15 of 21 passes for 146 yards while Lulay went 4-for-8 for 27 yards. Lulay's last-second hail-mary attempt fell well short.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
A new moon in the wellbeing area of your chart urges you to slow down. You won't miss out on any opportunities. In fact, by standing back you may see things others have overlooked.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Everything seems to be going well for you now and for the next few days you will do best by just coasting along without worrying too much about where you are heading.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Recent events have made you wonder if you should consider a change of direction. If you get some quiet time today use it to think through the choices.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Love and luck combine to get the week off to a perfect start. The planets will bring only good things your way over the next 24 hours. Don't waste time wondering if you deserve it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs money will encourage you to make changes. These changes will affect loved ones too.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A new moon in your sign, allied to a helpful link from energy planet Mars to your ruler Mercury, means you can have it all without making an effort.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The planets warn you might get a bit too laid-back over the next few days and risk losing sight of your long-term goals. So, even though you may wind down physically, stay alert mentally.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The good things that are coming your way are are real and you deserve them. Today's new moon means you will find it easy to connect to others.

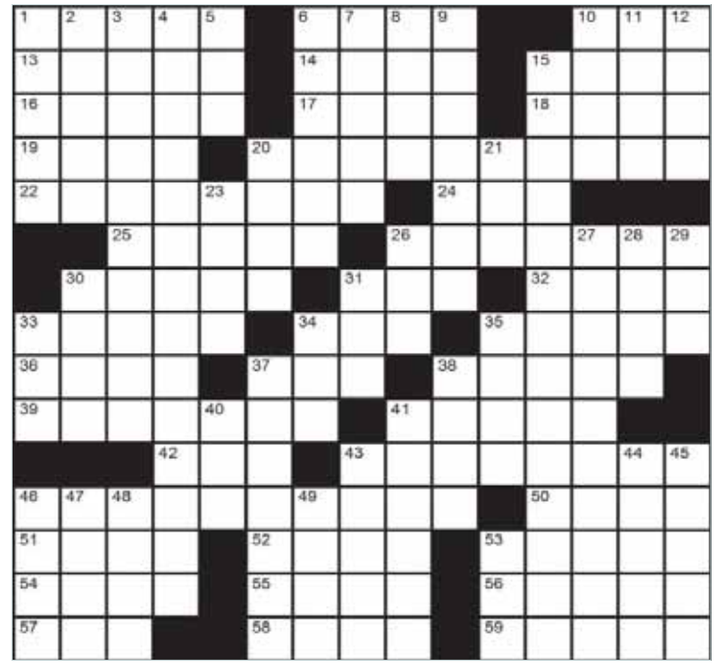
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Something you have been worrying about for months will finally resolve itself over the next few days and you will feel a huge sense of relief.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There is a feeling something marvelous is about to occur and it's not wishful thinking. A new moon in your fellow Earth sign of Virgo will encourage you to be bold.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Not everyone possesses your high standards, so make allowances and try not to make a big issue of any minor mistakes that loved ones or work colleagues might make.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You are in good spirits but one person seems to have missed out on the party spirit and needs someone to soothe their fears. That someone is you.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. __ dab in the middle!
6. PMs, e.g.
10. Five Ws, just one
13. Like crushed potatoes
14. QED's 'E'
15. Behold
16. Performed
17. 1963: "Deep Purple": __ Tempo & April Stevens hit
18. And others, briefly: 2 wds.
19. Qatar Prix de _'__ de Triomphe (Paris horse race)
20. GLAAD concerns: acr. + wd.
22. Road trip reasons-to-stop
24. Patience __ _ virtue
25. Horse's holler
26. Winnipeg hockey game attendee: 2 wds.
30. Unmasks
31. Lettuce variety
32. Written symbol of yore
33. Music style
34. Wheel part
35. Country's Mr. Rogers
36. Taken back [abbr.]
37. British bar
38. Chores
39. Certain commuter's change: 2 wds.
41. On _ __ (Spontaneously)
42. BC Lions mascot, __ the Lion
43. Quebec, 1990... Oka Crisis = 78-day __
46. "Days Like That" Canadian quintet: 2 wds.
50. Jose __ (Celebrity hairstylist)
51. Prudish person
52. Charles Lamb's pen name
53. Cartoon style of Japan
54. Aussie footwear
55. Washington NHL players
56. "I haven't _ __." (Duh)
57. Montreal article?
58. Salmon sort
59. Canuck actor Mike Caesars Palace, Britney's is at Planet Hollywood: 2 wds.
20. Hauls
21. 'Special' suffix
23. Geese, in Gaspe
26. Morning run pace
27. Hit for Canadian soul trio Bass is Base (Trivia! Celebrity chef Roger Mooking was a member)
28. Ms. Landers'
29. Napoleonic Wars marshal
30. Actor Corbin
31. Niblets holder
33. Texter's "I shall return momentarily..."
34. Acting prompt
35. Actress Madeline
37. School assignment
38. Poetic contraction
40. "Says She Loves Me" music duo
41. "Relax soldier!": 2 wds.
43. Sharpshoot
44. Leg bone
45. Releases from captivity
46. Stompin' Tom Connors' "Bud the __"
47. Joni Mitchell's "__ for Going"
48. Rocker's tour dates
49. Cosmetics company
53. Tigger creator's monogram

Down

1. Little
2. 1952 Robert Mitchum/Jane Russell movie
3. Canadian Space Agency employees
4. Car race signal-makers, variantly: 2 wds.
5. Thomas __, The Spanish Tragedy dramatist
6. Distance
7. __ and drabs
8. Tirade
9. Kelly Osbourne's fashion line/tattoo...
10. Accompanying
11. Warmth
12. Hoo-hoo-ers
15. Shania's is at

Friday's Crossword

Online

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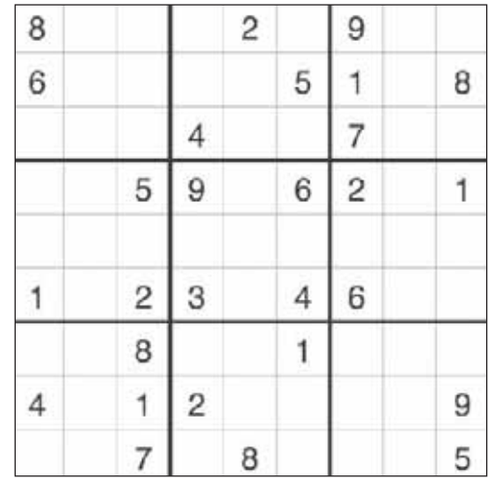

Friday's Sudoku

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8	1	7	4	9	3	2	6	5
6	4	3	5	2	7	1	8	9
9	6	8	7	3	4	5	1	2
4	7	5	8	1	2	3	9	6
3	2	1	9	5	6	4	7	8
5	8	2	6	4	1	9	3	7
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